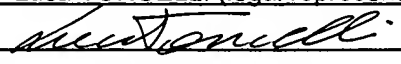
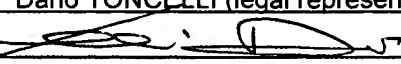
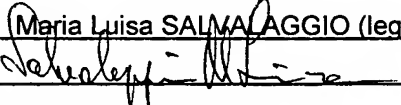


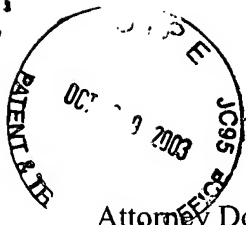
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Attorney Docket No. SAIC 19.190 (100788-00051)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Marcello Toncelli
Serial No. : 10/031,552
Filed : January 18, 2002
Title : **Improved Method for the Production of Slabs ...**
Examiner : Christopher A. Fiorilla
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**SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION
AND
REQUEST FOR PATENT TO BE ISSUED IN NAME OF DECEASED
INVENTOR'S LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Sir:

The above-referenced application was allowed on August 12, 2003. The issue fee due November 12, 2003, is being paid concurrently herewith.

On July 9, 2003, Marcello Toncelli, the sole inventor and Applicant, died in Vicenza, Italy. Submitted herewith is an Official Death Certificate dated September 25, 2003, accompanied by an English translation.

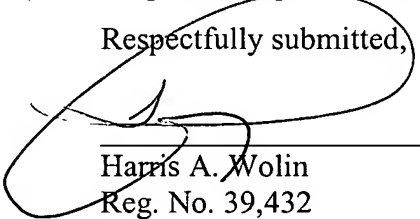
Marcello Toncelli died without a will and left Mr. Luca Toncelli (son), Mr. Dario Toncelli (son) and Mrs. Maria Luisa Salvalaggio (wife) as heirs to his estate. Submitted herewith is an Official Attested Affidavit accompanied by an English translation, which evidences Mr. Luca Toncelli, Mr. Dario Toncelli and Mrs. Maria Luisa Salvalaggio (wife) as heirs and legal representatives of Marcello Toncelli.

Luca Toncelli, Dario Toncelli and Maria Luisa Salvalaggio wish the above referenced application to issue in the name of Marcello Toncelli (deceased inventor), Luca Toncelli (legal representative), Dario Toncelli (legal representative) and Maria Luisa Salvalaggio (legal representative). Accordingly, please find enclosed a Declaration for Patent Application duly executed by Luca Toncelli, Dario Toncelli and Maria Luisa Salvalaggio as legal representatives of Marcello Toncelli (deceased).

If for any reason the above referenced application cannot issue in the names of Marcello Toncelli (deceased inventor), Luca Toncelli (legal representative), Dario Toncelli (legal representative) and Maria Luisa Salvalaggio (legal representative), or if further information is required, a representative of the USPTO is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,


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dated 28 July 2003

ATTESTED AFFIDAVIT

ITALIAN REPUBLIC

The year 2003, this day of Monday twenty-eight of July
in Asolo, in my office located in Via dei Tartari n. 5/1.

In front of me doctor FRANCESCO IMPARATO, notary public resident in
Asolo and registered in the Notarial District of Treviso, is present:

- Mr. TONCELLI LUCA, born in Bassano del Grappa (VI) on 30 July
1958, resident in Bassano del Grappa in Viale Asiago n. 34, entrepreneur,
fiscal code TNC LCU 58L30 A703R;

-----who declares-----

- that on 9 July 2003, without the will, died his father Mr. Toncelli
Marcello, born in Piombino (LI) on 28 July 1924.

Said Toncelli Luca, of which private identity I notary public am sure, asks
me to get the attested affidavit regarding the father's death Mr. Toncelli
Marcello, died in Vicenza on 9 July 2003, resident in Bassano del Grappa,
Via Papa Giovanni XXIII n. 2, and to this aim introduces me the following
declarants:

- Cescutti Aldo, born in Clauzetto (PN) on 19 July 1938, resident in
Castelfranco Veneto, Via Forche n. 15, and

- Del Mutolo Lorenzo, born in Firenze on 31 July 1964, resident in
Venezia, Castello 6265, of which private identity of the above declarants I
notary public am sure, stating and confirming that they are not relations of
the dead and they are not interested, in no way, to this deed.

Accepting the request, I notary public, after warning to tell the truth and of
the penal effect of misrepresentation or reticent declaration, I invite the
declarants to bear the following statement:

"Aware of moral and legal responsibility with my evidence, I swear to tell
all the truth and not to hide anything that I know".

Therefore every declarants bears the above statement and both

-----declare-----

"It is known to ourselves that:

- Mr. Toncelli Marcello, born in Piombino (LI) on 28 July 1924, Italian citizen, resident in Bassano del Grappa Via Papa Giovanni XXIII n. 2, died in Vicenza on 9 July 2003, without the will;

- the heirs in force of the law at the rate of one thirds a head are:

- Mr. TONCELLI LUCA, born in Bassano del Grappa on 30 July 1958, resident in Bassano del Grappa, Viale Asiago n. 34, son,
- Mr. TONCELLI DARIO, born in Bassano del Grappa on 10 August 1960, resident in Bassano del Grappa, Via San Pancrazio n. 3, son,
- Mrs. SALVALAGGIO MARIA LUISA, born in Bassano del Grappa on 18 October 1934, resident in Bassano del Grappa, Via Papa Giovanni XXIII n. 2, wife,

- the dead Mr. Toncelli Marcello, didn't leave other people, apart from those known, whose the law reserves an inheritance's amount or any other law of succession;

- that all of the heirs enjoy of full acting competency.

The declarant asks me to register this deed in my original files.

I notary public have read this deed, typewritten from a trusty person, to the declarants who confirm it and acknowledge it to be in accordance with their request and countersign the same together with me notary public.

The written takes up three pages in one sheet.

Signed by Luca Toncelli

Signed by Aldo Cescutti

Signed by Lorenzo Del Mutolo

Signed by Francesco Imparato

The present copy, consisting of one sheet, is a true copy of the original deed registered by me.

Issued on unstamped card for the uses allowed by law.

Asolo, 22 September 2003

Francesco Imparato



MUNICIPALITY OF BASSANO DEL GRAPPA

REGISTRY OFFICE

DEATH CERTIFICATE

TONCELLI MARCELLO

born on 28 July 1924 (323 I // 24) in Piombino

died in Vicenza

the day 9

of month of July

of year 2003

resident in Bassano del Grappa

civil status: married to Salvalaggio Maria Luisa

as far as from deed N. 22 p. II s. C of year 2003

Dated 25 September 2003

MUNICIPALITY OF BASSANO DEL GRAPPA
REGISTRY OFFICE
(LAURA LANCERIN)

Issued according to art. 106 D.P.R. 369 of 3 November 2000

Unstamped according to art. 7, com. 5th, law 29 December 1990, n. 405



Comune di Bassano del Grappa

UFFICIO DELLO STATO CIVILE

CERTIFICATO DI MORTE

TONCELLI MARCELLO

nato il 28/07/1924 (323. I //24) A PIOMBINO

E' DECEDUTO A VICENZA

il giorno NOVE

del mese di LUGLIO

dell'anno DUEMILATRE

residente in BASSANO DEL GRAPPA

di stato civile CONIUGATO con Salvalaggio Maria Luisa

COME RISULTA DALL'ATTO N. 22 p. II s. C DELL'ANNO 2003

Comune di
Bassano del Gr.
Diritti Segreteria
€ 0,26

DATA 25/09/2003



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(LAURA LANCERIN)
Laura Lancerin

Rilasciato a sensi dell'art. 106 del D.P.R. 369 DEL 3 NOVEMBRE 2000
Esente da imposta di bollo a sensi dell'art.7, comma 5°, della legge 29 dicembre 1990, n. 405